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For: **SCANNER HAVING COLD-CATHODE-TUBE LIGHT SOURCE AND METHOD
OF CONTROLLING A DRIVE SIGNAL FOR ILLUMINATING A COLD-CATHODE-
TUBE LIGHT SOURCES**

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Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 through 1.98 and pursuant to applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant respectfully brings the following documents, cited in a German office action and listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. Copies of the listed documents are provided herewith for the convenience of the Examiner.

This citation does not constitute an admission that the references are relevant or material to the claims. They are only cited as constituting related art of which the applicant is aware.

It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered by the Examiner and be formally made record of in the application.

Applicant hereby petitions for consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement
Applicant is filing concurrently herewith a certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e), and attached is a check in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the statutory fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h)

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